

FISCAL NOTE

SB 58 - HB 451

March 7, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides for veterans or their representatives to request that a county clerk remove certain forms from the filed records. Provides for a fee to be assessed for such removal equal to the fee charged for filing the record. Requires the clerk to provide a written notice to the requesting party that the removal is permanent and no further record of the document will exist in the county records.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - Exceeds \$100,000

Estimate assumes:

- local governments will experience an increase in expenditures for the costs associated with modifying existing systems for document withdrawal.
- many local governments store records, including veterans records, on microfilm and removal of records from such microfilm would be technically difficult and costly. To the extent records could be removed from the microfilm, the rolls would have to be reproduced without the record.
- the increase in expenditures is estimated to exceed \$100,000 statewide.
- currently, there is no fee charged for filing veterans records; therefore, a fee could not be charged for removal of the record as the bill is currently written.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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